

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6296

As of January 30, 2014

Title: An act relating to requiring an electric motorcycle registration renewal fee.

Brief Description: Requiring an electric motorcycle registration renewal fee.

Sponsors: Senators Mullet, Eide and Rolfes.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Transportation: 1/29/14.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Staff: Amanda Cecil (786-7429)

Background: Electric vehicles that are powered solely by electricity are subject to a fee of \$100 due annually at the time of registration renewal.

Summary of Bill: The annual fee of \$100 is reduced to \$20 for electric motorcycles at the time of registration renewal.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested on January 24, 2014.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Motorcycles drive much less than the average car and get much better gas mileage so this gets them much closer to what they would be paying in fuel tax. The current fee is a disincentive to registering and sales of electric motorcycles. There are immense job opportunities related to the infrastructure development related to electric vehicles and this will help expand that.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Nicole Grant, Certified Electrical Workers of WA; Bob Guenther, IBEW 77; Chad Schwitters, Plug In America; Jennifer Northern, Electro Force Cycles,

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